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SUBJECT: PROJECT FENDER PRESS GUIDANCE

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1. LOCAL REPORTER IN VERONA HAS HEARNED OF DEPLOYMENT OF 200-MAN U.S. MILITARY UNIT TO BOSCOMANTICO AIRFIELD AND HAS ASKED SETAF WHETHER THESE WILL BE AIRBORNE PERSONNEL AND WHETHER THEY ARE COMING FROM GERMANY OR VICENZA.

2. BECAUSE OF BOSCOMANTICO ANGLE, WHICH IS NOT COVERED IN EXISTING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE, WE CHECKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SEEK THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF ADDED PHRASE TO MENTION BOSCOMANTICO. DUE TO CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT SINCE PRESS GUIDANCE WAS APPROVED AND FACT THAT RECORD OF CONSIGNMENT FOR BOSCOMANTICO HAS NOT YET BEEN NEGOTIATED, WORKING LEVEL OFFI-
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CIALS IN FOREIGN OFFICE FELT OBLIGED TO REFER QUESTION TO MINISTER

MORO HIMSELF.

3. WHILE WE EXPECT MORO'S APPROVAL IMMINENTLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT VERONA PAPER WILL PUBLISH WHAT IT KNOWS IN AUGUST 11 EDITIONS. PAPER IS FRIENDLY TO U.S. AND SHOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO DEPLOYMENT.

4. THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT ADDRESSEES TO PROBABLE PRESS INTEREST ONCE STORY BREAKS. ALREADY APPROVED PRESS GUIDANCE, OF COURSE, IS STILL VALID. VOLPE

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